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Tough times; great opportunity

In the month I've been privileged to serve as the Director of IMA, I've become acutely aware of what you're all going through on our great installations as we work through some truly daunting funding challenges. It may not help much, you need to know we understand and appreciate the sacrifices you make, and the really hard decisions your leaders make every day in the interest of providing the most critical services to our customers. The Chief of Staff of the Army, General Peter J. Schoomaker, has declared, "Our installations are our Flagships." This drives home the tremendous importance of our installations to Army readiness. The IMA stands on point to support this effort through SERVICE: Stewardship, Efficiency, Respect, Vision, Integrity, Consistency and Empowerment.

It would be great to tell you the situation will get better now that the long-awaited supplemental appropriation is approved and distributed. Quite simply, we still have a hard road ahead of us. The funding IMA received from the supplemental was reimbursement for the OMA dollars we contributed this year in support of the Global War on Terror.

As we've said very publicly, we are still more than \$500 million short of successfully completing the

fiscal year at our current rate of expenditure. There is no more money coming to us, so we have to spend less to get through the fiscal year. Garrison commanders and staffs still have hard decisions to make, and we anticipate a level of austerity for the foreseeable future that is unprecedented in memory.

The shortfall in funding for installations will not be resolved by finding extra millions or billions of dollars each year to rescue us from insolvency - the trend is very much in the other direction. The situation will only be resolved by strategically changing our fundamental notion of what installations are and the services they provide. Next year's projected funding picture looks very much like this year-only we may get somewhat less. That trend means our only recourse is to plan for it and try to increase the level of predictability.

The Army leadership is very aware of our dilemma, and at the same time is committed to providing a high standard of living for Soldiers and family members. If that sounds contradictory, it's not. It means that our leaders are taking a hard look at what installations should be and how they should do their business. They are asking IMA and the garrison commanders to lead the way because we are the experts.

So the installation world is in transition, just like the rest of the Army. And, like the rest of the Army, we are at war, and support for the war effort will be all of our top priority. As difficult and frustrating as it is right now, this is a great time to be in the installation management business because we are on the front lines of shaping the Army installations of the future. It doesn't get more important than that.

We will keep you informed of coming events and will do everything in our power to mitigate the impact on the installations. Do your best to ensure your communities are well informed and well supported within available resources.

Thanks to all of you -- members of the IMA team for your unflagging dedication to our customers during this trying time. Thanks also to our customers-Soldiers and your families, senior mission commanders, installation tenant activities, members of installation communities-for supporting us as we work through the current challenges.

Brigadier General John A. Macdonald
Director,
Installation Management Agency

Scout On The Street — What do you do to guard information on your computer?



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Pvt. Crystal Tamariz • Company F
309th Military Intelligence Battalion



Debbie and Joshua Morlock
Family members



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Desert Lanes Bowling Facility



Ulrike Tarquinal • Instructor
Fort Huachuca Arts and Crafts Shop

"Computer security is really important in our modern times. I'm the ISO [Information Security Officer], so I basically maintain all the patches ... on the computers and make sure people aren't going to the illegal websites."

"Computer security is important, especially in MI. Everything has passwords, and you should use different passwords. Don't give out ... your personal data."

"We're using the AKO account for overseas communication. I don't go on websites that I think might be questionable ... or put information about myself out there."

"We lock the computer up as soon as we walk away from it. We have to throw out anything that has some type of number on it ... we shred it."

"If anybody was to ask, I don't give out information. I'm like that at home, too, not just at work."

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Training transformation gives troops leg up in current, future ops

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

If the Defense Department's training transformation effort was summed up into a simple bumper-sticker-type slogan, it would read, "Train as you operate," a senior Defense Department told the Pentagon Channel.

That's a concept that Paul Mayberry, deputy undersecretary of defense for readiness, said ensures that U.S. troops who deploy into the combat theater are prepared to successfully carry out their missions and return home safely.

"We operate as a joint team with our multinational partners and in coalitions, and we operate over tremendous distances and in multiple locations," he said during a June 23 interview.

So that's the way, Mayberry said, the military needs to train. "Trying to take the very essence of the way we operate in theater and making sure our forces are prepared to execute those

exact missions is what training transformation is all about," he said.

Not surprisingly, combat veterans returning from the Middle East are becoming the biggest advocates of this new training approach, Mayberry said. "They're saying, 'Geez, this is the way we operate. How can we not train that way?'" Mayberry said. "So it has really been the combat veterans - the men and women who have been on the ground - coming back and demanding that we as a department change."

That's a major sea change from the days when the military focused on what Mayberry called "service-centric training."

Now, the focus has moved to training troops to conduct joint, integrated and interdependent operations they're using every day in the global war on terror. Mayberry cited the June 7 air strike that took out former al Qaeda in

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Fort Huachuca water is safe to drink

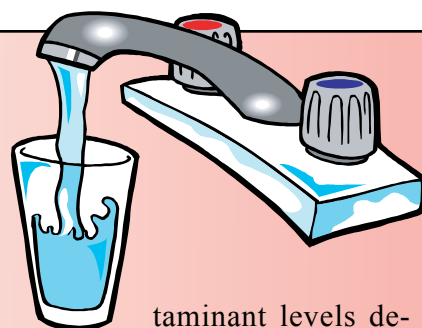
By Joan Vasey

Scout Staff

Those who wonder about the quality of Fort Huachuca's drinking water can be assured that it's safe to drink. A Fort Huachuca 2005 Consumer Confidence Report released here last week listed the results of tests performed throughout calendar year 2005. Water continues to test at safe levels for 2006, according to Chris Higgins, physical science technician, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Directorate of Public Works.

"Ongoing water testing is mandated by the Safe Water Drinking Act, Environmental Protection Agency, and it's mandated to show your water-drinking public the test results once each year for the previous year," Higgins said. "This report is designed to report what we found through the testing for the previous calendar year."

There were no maximum con-



taminant levels detected and no violations for the entire period. During ongoing testing, water is tested for microbial contaminants such as bacteria, inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, pesticides and herbicides, organic chemical contaminants and radioactive contaminants.

In the report, contaminants are measured in parts per million or parts per billion. Sampling is required monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually, depending on the contaminants being tested for.

"If you have a 15,000-gallon swimming pool and added two drops of food coloring, you've just added one part per billion. Or, if you added 1/4 cup of food coloring to your 15,000-gallon swimming pool, you've added one part per million. So those reading the table should realize that they have to drink a lot of water to hit those

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Post school district releases open enrollment dates



Students gear up for the 2006/2007 school year by attending summer school classes here.

Story and photo by Anthony Reed

Scout Staff

Preparation is the key to success.

Fort Huachuca Accommodation School District #00 students were recently released for summer vacation. In fact, the district's summer session has already begun, and the district's personnel are planning for the 2006/2007 school year. Parents are urged to note open enrollment dates for the upcoming school year.

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year will be held July 26 and 27 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and July 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at Colonel Johnston and General Myer Elementary Schools, and Colonel Smith Middle School. Also, Smith Middle School will register students Aug. 7-8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

"Open enrollment offers parents/guardians a choice of school/district for their student to attend," said Diane Chinen, secretary to the district's superintendent/governing board. "Applicants will be accepted if there is sufficient capacity and if the student meets the admission standards."

According to district policy, district resident pupils residing on post do not have to complete open enrollment applications.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from school for off-post students accepted for admission through open enrollment. "An excep-

tion shall be made for students whose individual education plan requires transportation services to make the program available to the student," Chinen said.

According to district policy, the order of preference for open enrollment is as follows:

1. Preference shall be given to resident transfer pupils who were enrolled in the school the previous year and any sibling who would be enrolled concurrently with such pupils. If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be selected on the basis of time and date of application.

2. Preference shall be given to military non-resident pupils who were not enrolled in the school the previous year. If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be selected on the basis of the time and date of application.

3. Preference shall be given to non-resident pupils who were enrolled in the school the previous year and any sibling who would be enrolled concurrently with such pupils. If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be selected on the basis of the time and date of application.

4. Preference shall be given to non-military nonresident pupils who were not enrolled in the school the previous year. If capacity is not sufficient to enroll all of these pupils, they shall be

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Volunteer archivist safeguards MI History



Conrad McCormick, a volunteer archivist with the U.S. Army Intelligence Museum explains his duties at the facility. He has donated 5,600 volunteer hours since he began his quest to archive MI history.

Story and photo
by Thom Williams
Scout Staff

Conrad McCormick, 81, a volunteer archivist at the U.S. Army Intelligence Museum, Building 41411, Hungerford Street here has donated more than 5,600 hours preserving military intelligence history for future generations.

McCormick began his quest with just a few publications on March 26, 1996.

Now he has filled 25 file cabinets and 20 bookcases and the archive has information on thousands of people and 2,807

organizations that have been connected to the MI Corps.

The oldest piece in the collection is a manual from 1905.

He has also built a data base so the items and information can be quickly located.

McCormick said his goal is to acquire and preserve the records of the organizations, people and activities that have made up the history of MI since 1775.

McCormick also plays the roles of subject matter expert and detective.

"Last week I had a couple of MI students come over

here and one of them was looking for his grandfather who served in the Counter Intelligence Corps in World War II and wanted to know if I had information," he said. "Well, I even had a copy of his obituary, so things like that make me feel like my efforts are worthwhile."

"I like doing the archiving because it keeps me off the streets and the wife knows where to find me," McCormick said with a grin.

Smirking, he went on to say that he volunteered to take the archivist position because there was a need and he figured he should put his mis-spent childhood in the MI Corps to some use.

He said one of the questions he is most frequently asked is, "Why doesn't the archive have any information on the Navajo code talkers made famous by the recent movie?"

McCormick says he then points out that the Navajo served in the U.S. Marine Corps but he does have plenty of information on the Choctaw Indians used by the Army as code talkers during the two world wars.

Some of the more interesting items that can be found in the archives were donated by a personnel officer who

handled the reorganization of the Counter Intelligence Corps in Europe just after World War II.

Orders for famous people such as Staff Sgt. Jerome D. Salinger, author of "Catcher in the Rye" and Sgt. Henry Kissinger, a former secretary of state are in the archives.

McCormick was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Massachusetts.

He and his wife of 53 years, Sally, have made Sierra Vista their home since 1971.

They have four children who are scattered around the U.S.

Their youngest daughter Amy is the head librarian at Smith Middle School, a school she attended as a child.

McCormick said that he's grateful that the Army sent him to Fort Huachuca because it got tiresome having the kids learning German in Stuttgart, Germany one week and the next week they were learning Spanish in El Paso, Texas.

McCormick retired from the U.S. Army here in 1973 as a chief warrant officer. He then joined the civil service where he worked his way up to post security officer.

McCormick retired again in 1995 with combined federal military and Civil Service of

50 years and seven months; all with the exception of three years was spent working in military intelligence.

The other three years, McCormick spent island-hopping in the Pacific Ocean with the U.S. Navy Seabees during World War II and ultimately ended up on Okinawa.

McCormick is also an avid movie fan and has extensive knowledge of movies made in Southern Arizona.

He talked about the two movies that were made on Fort Huachuca.

The first was the 1963 comedy, drama, "Captain Newman, M.D." starring Gregory Peck, Tony Curtis, Angie Dickinson, Jane Withers, Bobby Darin and Robert Duvall.

It was filmed in "Splinter Village" a World War II-era hospital that was located near the main gate of Fort Huachuca.

Portions of the 1970 comedy, "Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came" starring Tony Curtis, Ernest Borgnine and Brian Keith were also filmed on "Old Post."

McCormick is at the museum on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and can be contacted at 533-1107.

Motorcycle ride calls attention to safety

Story by Rob Martinez
Scout Staff



Staff from the Fort Huachuca Safety Office conduct safety tests. Motorcyclist Betty Jo Buck (left), who has been riding for over forty years, belongs to the Motor Maids, a national women's motorcycle club. She came up to participate in the safety activities.

Photo by Thom Williams

The Fort Huachuca Safety Office sponsored a "Thunder on the Mountain Group" Motorcycle ride in conjunction with the installation Motor Vehicle Safety Day at Chaffee Parade Field Friday morning. Vehicles entering from the East Gate were randomly selected for inspection by Military Police. Staff from the Fort Huachuca Safety Office inspected the motorcycles.

Master Sgt. Julius Gonzales, 18th Military Police Attachment, Directorate of Emergency Services, explained. "We were trying to enforce safety, and for the motorcyclists, make everyone aware of the motorcycle policies in effect. For the other vehicles, we were making sure they had the right documentation, and made sure the child restraining seats were good to

go, too."

After a safety briefing and a preliminary safety check, the participating motorcyclists rode to the Black Tower facility on the west end of post, and then to the Thunder Mountain Activity Center. Along with the ride, there was a Motorcycle Skills Rodeo at the TMAC motorcycle range, as well as a "Slow Ride" competition. Winners were awarded plaques.

Motorcyclist Lorenzo Mata, U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command, said, "This ... safety ride was basically to get all the motorcycle enthusiasts within the Fort Huachuca area. I think this is a good thing, that motorcyclists get out here and discuss things, issues about safety."

For information on motorcycle policies on Fort Huachuca, call the Fort Huachuca Safety Office at 533-0558.



'Cooking with ACES' debuts as military chefs strut their stuff

By Bonnie Powell
DECA news release

The definition of an ace: brilliant, expert, first-rate, the best. What better way to celebrate good food than by cooking with aces? The "aces" in this case just happen to be trained at the

Army Center of Excellence Subsistence.

"Food that is good for you can also be delicious and easy to fix," said Chief Warrant Officer David Longstaff, chief of the Craft Skills Training Branch at Fort Lee, Va. "Just ask the top chefs in the military."

ACES is part of the Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Va., but the craft skills course is a notable stop on the way to military culinary stardom – no matter what uniform you wear. According to Longstaff, "The top chefs in the Navy, Army, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard come here to train and when they leave, they also leave their recipes!"

It would be a shame to let all those great recipes

go to waste, so "Cooking with ACES" is on tap to become a special feature at <http://www.commissaries.com>. "We're excited to partner with ACES in featuring popular recipes from top military chefs," said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

The first ACES recipes, ranging from appetizers to desserts, are all adapted from familiar dishes, and they all share something in common. "They're nutritious, delicious, easy and quick to prepare," said Longstaff.

ACES dietician Capt. Suzanne Akuley makes sure the chefs know their stuff when it comes to nutrition. "I give them all guidelines," said Akuley. "They have to work up a nutritional profile on each dish, and we check to make sure they meet the guide-

lines and have the correct information."

"Of course," explained Longstaff, "all of these recipes are made from ingredients found at the commissary!"

"This partnership really ties in with our emphasis on encouraging military families to use their benefit and shop at the commissary," said Nixon. "Whether it's managing weight or just making sure you have well-balanced meals, reading labels and preparing meals at home is a great way to meet nutritional goals."

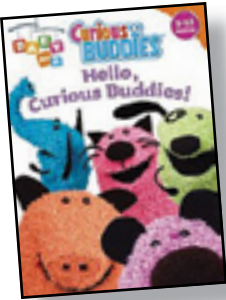
The ACES recipes and photos join the "Kay's Kitchen" columns and recipes under the shopping link on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com>.



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Children’s books recalled

AAFES news release



The Army Air Force Exchange Service issued a worldwide hazardous recall of children’s cloth books from Simon & Schuster Inc. on June 22 because the felt ears and limbs on the pop-up characters can detach or come apart when pulled, which may pose a choking hazard to young children.

This recall involves Curious Buddies cloth books titled “Hello, Curious Buddies!” Pictured on the cover of the books are the Curious Buddies’ characters. Inside the book are two plush pop-up toy characters.

Consumers should stop using the recalled products immediately or clip off the felt ears and limbs of the pop-up characters and place them out of a child’s reach.

Simon & Schuster has received reports of two 6-month-old infants who detached the felt from the pop-up parts of the book.

No injuries have been reported.

The books were sold through AAFES Exchanges, bookstores, discount department stores and other retailers nationwide from October 2005 through May.

Consumers desiring a free replacement book should cut the copyright tag off the book and place it along with the felt ears and limbs in an envelope, with a letter stating the customer’s name and address.

Send the envelope to: Attn: Customer Service- Product Recall-Hello Buddies Recall, Simon & Schuster Inc. 100 French Street, Riverside, N.J. 08075.

Customers should receive a free replacement book, within 4 to 6 weeks.

For more information, call Simon & Schuster at (800) 732-9531 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday or visit the company’s Web site at www.simonsays.com.

AAFES recalls bicycles

Scout reports

The Army Air Force Exchange Service issued a worldwide non-hazardous recall of inline self-shifting bicycles made by Pacific Cycle of Calif. for replacing gear shifters.

Some bicycles with the TB-One Grip style on the left front of the handlebar were inadvertently shipped with shifters with weak retention springs that allow the shifter to index to a smaller gear while riding or turning the handle bars of the bicycle.

Customers should bring their bicycles to AAFES stores for repair and replacement.

Models affected by the recall are:

Model #	Description
201059P	20” Girls Crystal
201058P	20” Boys Force
241107P	24” Girls Chromium
241106P	24” Boys Chromium
240059P	24” Girls Horizon
240058P	24” Boys Havoc
264087P	26” Women’s Exploit
264086P	26” Men’s Exploit
264090P	26” Women’s Horizon
264088P	26” Men’s Havoc

The affected bicycles have a lot code of FSD03JF. The model number is located on a service sticker and can be found either on the outside of the carton on silver sticker or on the bicycle, near the bottom bracket shell by the left pedal arm.

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Heat injuries easily prevented

By J.T. Coleman

Army News Service

Taking a drink of water when thirsty may be too little, too late in some cases.

"You may already be 1-2 percent dehydrated at this stage, which could result in impaired performance, coordination and concentration," said Dr. John Campbell, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center Command Surgeon. "Coffee, tea, juice and sodas are not substitutes for water. In fact, some of these are diuretics and can cause you to lose more body fluids."

More than 1,700 heat injuries occurred Army-wide in FY05 according to Brig. Gen. Michael B. Cates, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. Of

those injuries, 258 people suffered from heat stroke and 1,467 suffered from heat exhaustion.

"Steps could have been taken to reduce these injuries," said Campbell.

Staying hydrated is critical because it helps maintain proper blood volume, which allows the body to perspire and regulate heat, according to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site.

According to Army Technical Bulletin MED507, titled Heat Stress Control and Heat Casualty Management, people performing routine activities should drink six to eight quarts of water a day. People in hot environments, or who perform strenuous activities, should increase to between nine to 12 quarts.

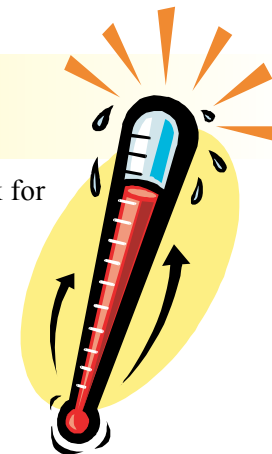
"Heat injuries can be preventable," said Campbell. "Leaders, supervisors and Soldiers must keep

an eye on each other and look for the early warning signs."

Early warning signs of heat stress include dizziness, headache, nausea, unsteady walk, weakness or fatigue, and muscle cramps.

USACHPPM cautions that over-hydration, or water intoxication, can also be harmful. Some of the symptoms include confusion, weakness and vomiting. Individuals who exhibit these symptoms but are still eating, drinking and urinating should seek emergency treatment.

Heat injury prevention is a command, leader-



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The Cochise Warrior Color Guard from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9972 posts the colors.



Uncle Sam directs patrons to the 50-State Reunion booth.



Children practice their rappelling skills at Veterans Memorial Park.



The 344th Military Intelligence Battalion provided this display.



Gavin Brown, 4, has his own mode of transportation for the Pets and People Parade.



The Pets and People Parade heads toward Martin Luther King Boulevard en route to Veterans Memorial Park.

Train Wreck, a rock and blues band from Bisbee, entertain the crowd during the first day of the 4th of July celebration.



July 4th celebration shines despite clouds

Story and photos by Anthony Reed

Scout Staff

Fort Huachuca teamed with the city of Sierra Vista to celebrate the 39th Annual Independence Day Celebration.

The gala event actually began Monday with a street dance, talent contest and a concert by Train Wreck, a rock and blues band from Bisbee – all at Veterans Memorial Park in Sierra Vista.

Independence Day started with a Pets and People Parade that featured different animals and their owners decked out for the holiday. Participants marched down Martin Luther King Boulevard to the band shell at Veterans Memorial Park.

Soldiers from the 11th Signal and 111th Military Intelligence Brigades set up static displays at the park throughout the day. B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) posted an encampment and other activities. The Military Police K-9 demonstration team entertained the crowd as well.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, and Sierra Vista Mayor

Tom Hessler were featured speakers during the opening ceremonies.

The 36th Army Band performed in the evening just before the scheduled fireworks display.

In years past, the Sierra Vista Fireworks Spectacular has been named best in the state. This year's show was also supposed to commemorate the city's 50th anniversary. The park was filled to capacity with a captive audience.

Mother Nature attempted to put a damper on the featured fireworks spectacular display as rain covered the city just before show time and an increasing downpour ensued. Many rain-soaked, dejected spectators headed for the exits. Approximately an hour after the scheduled event, with many patrons still present in the park, the Sierra Vista skies lit up with fireworks.

Many who thought the show was canceled and headed home, puled over along Fry Boulevard to watch the light show, proving that despite some rain showers, the show must go on!

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ship and personal responsibility. Proper use of Composite Risk Management will help reduce the likelihood of heat injuries.

“Heat injuries and illness pose a serious threat to our Army’s force – and a loss of one of our Army team is always deeply felt,” Campbell said. “Soldiers and civilians are deployed in some of the hottest areas in the world. We want everyone to stay in the fight and continue to Own the Edge.”

Additional resources:

[USACRC www.crc.army.mil](http://USACRC.www.crc.army.mil)

[USACHPPM chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat](http://USACHPPM.chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/heat)

AR 40-5 Preventive Medicine dated 22 July, 2005 www.army.mil/usapa/epubs/pdf/r40_5.pdf

TB MED 507 Heat Stress Control and Heat Casualty Management dated 1985 www.army.mil/usapa/med/DR_pubs/dr_a/pdf/tbmed507.pdf

FM 21-20 Physical Fitness Training dated 1998

https://akocomm.us.army.mil/usapa/doctrine/DR_pubs/dr_aa/pdf/fm21_20.pdf

(Editor’s note: J.T. Coleman writes for the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center.)

Yentsch and Levering prove to be the SWR IMA best of the best

SWR IMA news release

The best United States Army Garrison Soldiers from within the Southwest Region Installation Management Agency went to White Sands Missile Range, N.M. May 30 through June 1, 2006 hoping to go home with the title of the SWR IMA 2006 Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

This year, the title of Soldier of the Year goes to Pfc. Marcus Levering, 20, and the NCO of the Year is Sgt. Daniel Yentsch, 29.

Levering serves as a Chaplain’s assistant with Headquarters Company at U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hood, Texas. He has been in the Army for 10 months and joined the military from Columbia, S.C.

Yentsch is a Military Policeman assigned to the National Training Center MP Company at Fort Irwin, Calif. He is a 10-year Army veteran who comes from Williamsport, M.d. Yentsch is married and has a 3-year-old son and a 1-year-old daughter.

In the third competition of this type to be held in SWR IMA, the Soldiers came with one thought in mind...to win! Before competing at this level, each had to prove they were the best Soldier or NCO at their respective garrison.

The Soldiers arrived at White Sands Missile Range on May 30 and immediately began preparing for two days of highly competitive events, to include the Army Physical Fitness Test, a written exam and an oral board.

During the awards ceremony held June 21 at Fort Sam Houston, Hugh Exton, Regional Director, Southwest Region Office Installation Management Agency, congratulated the winners and said, “These Soldiers represent the best of the best. They deserve their awards, and credit also goes to those who helped them prepare for this competition.”

SWRO IMA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenneth Fyffe said, “Our country calls on great Soldiers like these to step forward and lead in times of need. These Soldiers standing here today are going to be the future leaders.”

From this competition, the winners will compete at the next level against their peers from other IMA regions. The competition was held at Fort A.P. Hill, Va., at the end of June. Winners of the Headquarters IMA challenge will compete at the National Capitol Region level and possibly at the Department of the Army level.

Each winner received an Army Commendation medal, a trophy, \$2,800 in savings bonds, an engraved Bowie knife, and gift certificates from local merchants.

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Thursday-AK, AL, AN, AP, AR, AU, AW, AY
 Friday-AK, AL, AP, AR, AU, AW, AY
 Saturday-AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday-AL, AR
 Monday-AB, AC, AL, AR, AW
 Tuesday-AB, AC, AL, AR, AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday-AB, AC, AL, AR, AW, T1, T1A, T22
 For more information contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to daily change.

AETNA representative here in July

A representative from AETNA will be here on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Murr Community Center, Room #5.

Employees currently with AETNA or those considering AETNA as their health plan are encouraged to stop by and speak with the representative. For more information contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 533-5273 or 533-5735.

\$1,000 referral bonus offered

Soldiers can earn a \$1,000 lump sum payment for referring someone who enlists, completes basic training, and graduates from Advanced Individual Training.

Referrals must not have previously served in the Armed Forces. Individuals who are referred must enlist in the active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard. The referrals must not be immediate family members. (See selected article, page A10.)

The Soldier referring must not be serving in a recruiting or retention assignment.

Exceptions are staff members who are not directly involved with the processing of applicants including staff members receiving special duty assignment pay.

Future Soldiers and Soldiers who are performing duties in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program, and Active Duty for Special Work Program are also eligible for the bonus.

For Army and Army Reserve referrals, call 1 (800) 223-3735 extension 6-0473 or visit the Web site at usarec.army.mil/smart. For Army National Guard referrals, call 1 (800) 464-8273 ext. 3727 or visit the Web site at 1800goguard.com/esar.

Vacation Bible School registration underway

Vacation Bible School takes place July 31-Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. until noon at the Main Post Chapel. This event is open to children of all faith denominations who have completed Kindergarten through 4th grade. The theme is "Fiesta! Where kids are fired up about Jesus." All children are welcome. Stop by the Main Post Chapel to register through July 28.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Children who have completed 5th grade and above as well as adults are invited to volunteer. There will be child care available for young children of volunteers.

For information, call Rosemary Pino at 533-2366 or 220-9427.

Reporting wildfires and other emergencies

To report a suspected wildfire or other emergencies on Fort Huachuca, dial 911.

Callers with cellular phones may also call 533-2111. To reach a dispatcher at Fire Station 1, call 538-1535.

Dental Clinic staffing shortage

Due to the Dental Activity change of command on today, Runion Dental Clinic will be working with a limited staff for sick call until 8:30 a.m.

Main Post Chapel needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed in various places in the Main Post Chapel; i.e., administrative office, Turnaround Point, and Vacation Bible School. If interested, contact Jo Moore at 533-4748.

LEPC monthly meeting scheduled

The Cochise County Local Emergency Planning Committee's regular monthly meeting will be held on July 21, at 1:30 pm in the Science Building Room 200 at Cochise College, 901 Colombo Street, Sierra Vista.

The public is invited to attend. For additional information call Mike Evans at 432-9550.

Fathers have an enormous responsibility in shaping children's lives

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Jimmy Rucker

111th Military Intelligence Brigade

In 1965 I came on active duty in a world quite different than today's. People knew that there were areas of life to be avoided or embraced. But something new was happening. People began questioning the world as it was and rejecting the values that had held civilization and society together for countless generations. This rejection of the past included a philosophy that said, "Children should not be made to go to church. When they are adults they can chose for themselves if they want religion in their lives." Parents, in essence, made the choice for their

children that they would be ignorant of traditional religious values and beliefs.

In 1982, I came on Active duty as a chaplain. There were still some Soldiers who had been trained in religious values in the home, but they were no longer the majority. Today the vast majority of Soldiers I encounter are looking for something to fill the void in their lives created by the loss of anything spiritual.

In Proverbs we read, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is grown he will not depart from them." Parents have an awesome responsibility; they are to instill values and faith into their children. They do this by living out what they believe, talking about and sharing their faith as a family. Parents

who send their children to church but don't go themselves have a 25 percent chance of it making a lasting impression on their children's lives. If their mother attends with them there is a 50 - 50 chance they will adopt their mothers' faith. If their father takes them to church and they as a family worship together there is a 75 percent chance that the family values and faith will be passed on to their children.

Fathers, you are the key to instilling faith and values in your children. Don't minimize your value in the family. Get involved in your children's lives and model your values and you will set them on the path they should be and when they are grown they will thank you for your faithful love and parenting.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m. Episcopal
 8:30 a.m. Lutheran
 9:00 a.m. Gospel
 9:30 a.m. Protestant
 11 a.m. Cross Roads
 11 a.m. Collective Protestant

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.
 Mass 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday Confession 4 p.m.
 Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
 Sunday Mass 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.

Jewish Worship

Friday 7 p.m.

Protestant

• PWOC Tuesday 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.
 • Women's Ministry Bible study
 1st, 3rd Friday 6 p.m.
 • Bible Study/Choir Practice
 Thursday 6 p.m.
 • Ministerial Staff Training
 Tuesday 6 p.m.
 • Men's Choir Rehearsal
 Tuesday 7 p.m.
 • Youth Fellowship
 3rd, 4th Saturdays 8:30 a.m.
 • Women's Choir

2nd Tuesday 7 p.m.

• Women's Choir

5th Saturdays 11 a.m.

• Youth Church 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th
 Sunday 9 a.m.

Catholic

• CCD Sunday 10:45 a.m.
 • Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 Friday 3 - 6 p.m.

Korean

OCIA Friday 7 p.m.
 MCCW 1st Friday 9 a.m.
 Choir practice Friday 6:30 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Friday 12:15 a.m.

Orthodox Divine Liturgy

1st & 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Latter Day Saints Service

Sunday 1 p.m.

Youth Ministries

• Middle school
 Sunday 4 - 5 p.m.
 • High school
 Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.

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Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi as an example of that coordination.

“That was an operation that actually began much earlier at home station,” with the soldiers, Marines and Special Forces troops involved receiving cultural and language training, Mayberry explained. This training enabled them to “establish a true bond with the local Iraqis there” so they could collect critical intelligence information that led to the successful strike, he said.

“Some years ago, it would have been very difficult for our air forces to be able to execute that type of time-sensitive and critical intelligence information,” he said.

But with major training centers providing true-to-life scenarios that enable servicemembers to work together in a joint environment to collect information, turn it into actionable intelligence, then conduct their joint operations, the troops had the training they needed to target Zarqawi, he said.

Mayberry called the operation “an accomplishment that just even a few years ago, our forces were not able to

jointly accomplish.”

Better, more innovative training continues to build on this new capability. Mayberry cited Exercise United Endeavor 06-2, which recently wrapped up at Fort Hood, Texas, as an example. U.S. Joint Forces Command sponsored the week-long mission rehearsal exercise to help prepare U.S. Army 3rd Corps troops for their upcoming rotation to Iraq.

The exercise brought together troops in multiple locations through a virtual training environment as they tackled joint training problems like those they’re likely to encounter in Iraq, Mayberry explained. Participating troops operated from their home stations, including elements of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii, the 1st Cavalry Division in Texas, and other

players in Germany; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; and U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., among others.

One of the greatest advantages of the training transformation efforts is that forces are increasingly able to remain at their home stations as they train. “We do not need to assemble all the live forces in one central location” when they can interact through a realistic virtual environment, Mayberry said.

The new training concept also brings together all the elements U.S. troops would encounter on a real-life operation: active- and reserve-component members, DoD civilians and civilians from other government agencies, among them.

Army Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, who assumed command of 3rd Corps

May 15, raved about the benefits of the training. Odierno called it “something he as a corps commander would never have been able to accomplish” before the joint training capability was developed as part of DoD’s training transformation program, Mayberry reported.

The Defense Department is committed to building on this capability and to ensure its forces have the agility and responsiveness they need to counter the threats they face today and into the future, he said.

Unlike the early days of the training transformation effort, when its proponents received “tremendous pushback,” today the biggest advocates of the program are the troops returning from combat, Mayberry said.

Mayberry challenged them to continue to push the department to ensure they’re getting both the right training and the right mix of training they need.

He urged them to “make sure we are focused on whatever the current challenges are and being responsive to the lessons learned,” while “keeping a vision to the future and what other challenges may be out there.”



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levels,” explained Higgins.

“In addition to the mandatory testing, there is a ton of indoor testing performed by the contractor and me to continually monitor the quality of the water,” Higgins stated. He then explained the testing procedures here.

“Water is tested at a minimum of every two days on Fort Huachuca for quality assurance and quality control at the points of entry at the wells. In addition, we send water samples out for a minimum of 30 certified laboratory analyses per month, since we do not have a laboratory here.

“The Environmental Health Division of Preventative Medicine [at the Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center] also performs their own tests,

so there are checks and balances,” Higgins emphasized.

“If MCL levels are exceeded [during any testing session], I must notify the public right away. If the problem’s with one well, I will isolate it [from use], or perform some treatment to remove that constituent.

All drinking water on Fort Huachuca is treated with chlorine and fluoride to ensure the health of every consumer. Chlorine acts as a disinfectant to prevent bacterial contamination. Fluoride is added at sufficient levels as recommended by the American Dental Association to prevent dental carries.

Those with questions about drinking water on Fort Huachuca should call Higgins at 538-0606.

selected on the basis of the time and date of application.

For students previously attending Fort Huachuca Schools, there will be a special registration area for those who pre-registered in the spring. Chinen said parents will need to update emergency contact information, district information sheets and free/reduced lunch applications. The 2006-2007 School/Student Handbook and class assignments (Myer & Johnston Schools only) will be distributed at this time.

For new students, parents must supply a birth certificate, shot records and previous school records (or an address to send for them). According to Arizona Law, those students whose immunizations are not up-to-date will

not be allowed to attend school until verification is provided to the school nurse.

According to Chinen, to apply for open enrollment, parents must complete Exhibit Form JFB-E, Open Enrollment Attendance Application, and turn it into the school they want their child to attend. (Forms can be picked up at the school site or at the district office.) After regular official registration is completed, it will then be determined whether space is available. Projected dates of determination will be July 31 for Grades 1 – 8 and Aug. 3 for Kindergarten students.

Classes begin Aug. 9. Bus schedules will be available at registration and published in the Fort Huachuca Scout and the Sierra Vista Herald.

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Colonel Gearty retires after twenty-seven years

Story and photos by Thom Williams
Scout Staff

Col. Michael Gearty, Training and Doctrine Command Manager, Sensor Fusion retired after 27 years of service in the U.S. Army during a June 27 ceremony on Brown Parade Field here.

Gearty graduated in 1979 from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and spent his career serving as a military intelligence Soldier.

The 36th Army Band began the ceremony with a musical prelude while a detachment from B Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) stood nearby.

Chaplain (Maj.) John O'Grady then gave the invocation and the Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard posted the colors.

Spc. Saquawia Funderberk, Company C, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion sang the national

anthem.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, presented Gearty with awards which included a Legion of Merit for his distinguished service.

Deb Gearty, his wife, received two certificates of appreciation for patriotic civilian service for her contributions to charitable causes on Fort Huachuca and within the surrounding community.

Mary Villareal, B Troop, 4th Cavalry (Memorial) Ladies Auxiliary, presented her with flowers.

Fast then spoke and called Gearty a great Soldier, a tremendous officer and most importantly, a wonderful human being.

"You've been a great husband and a great dad, and when you look yourself in the mirror you ought to know that you've done your very best to support that Soldier and you've always put that Soldier first," she said. "Soldiers today are better off because of you personally and because of the capabilities that you've brought to the battlefield."

Gearty then thanked Fast and Jerry Proctor, Deputy Commandant, Futures for the opportunity to serve with Team Huachuca calling them the best and brightest the Army has to offer.

"You impress and astound me with your energy, intelligence and selfless service to our Soldiers," Gearty said. "You are the reason our Soldiers are kicking terrorists butts' all over the world as we speak."

The 36th Army Band then performed "Old Soldiers Never Die," "Auld Lang Syne," and the "Army Song" as a musical postlude.

After colors were retired, refreshments were served in the gazebo.



Col. Michael Gearty, TRADOC Systems Manager, Sensor Fusion, and his wife, Deb receive congratulations from well-wishers following his retirement ceremony on Brown Parade Field.

Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, (center) presents Deb Gearty with a certificate of appreciation for patriotic civilian service while retiring Col. Michael Gearty, TRADOC Systems Manager, Sensor Fusion, stands at attention.



New commander takes charge of local Air Force unit

By Joan Vasey
Scout Staff

Photos by Maj. Robert Jakcsy and Tech Sgt. Eduard Dedousis
314th Training Squadron

"There is no better time than right now to be a Squadron Commander in the Air Force because we are a nation at war," said Maj Lance Orr, incoming commander, U.S. Air Force 314th Training Squadron during a June 29 change of command ceremony in Prosser Village.

"I am looking forward to continuing strong relations with our Army hosts because in this expeditionary age Army and Air Force cooperation is critical and that all starts in a training environment."

During the ceremony, outgoing Commander Maj. Frederick Humphrey III said he was going to miss working with such a great bunch of professionals and he was

"... proud of all the hard work culminating in our success in the 2006 Operational Readiness Inspection."

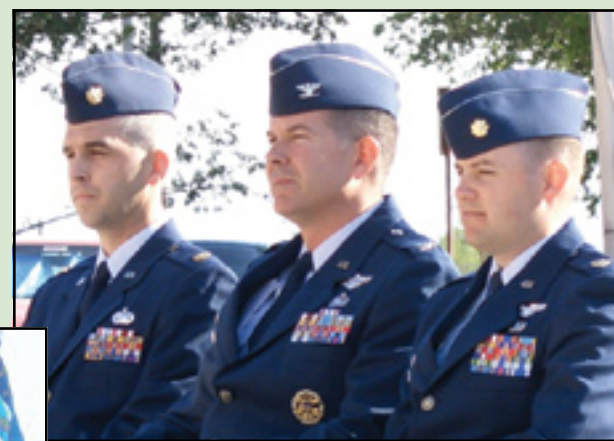
The 304th Training Squadron, approximately 90

people strong, is an Air Force student unit here. Airmen train for the Human Intelligence Collector and Morse Code Air Force Specialty Codes, according to Staff Sgt. Shasta Bagwell, public relations NCO, 314th Training Squadron.

Approximately 100 people attended the ceremony, a miniature version of those staged by larger units here. The main difference was the color of uniforms worn by key players. Instead of Army green, the airmen wore Air Force blue.

"This September will be five years since 9-11 and we still have a score to settle with those who threatened our very way of life on that day, Orr said, after accepting the guidon.

"We in the 314th Training Squadron are here to train military professionals to help our nation settle that score."



Above: From Left, Maj Lance Orr, Col D. Scott George, and Maj. Frederick Humphrey wait for the change of command ceremony to begin.



Left: Maj. Frederick Humphrey III (right) relinquishes command of the 314th Training Squadron; Col. D. Scott George, (left) passes command to Maj. Lance Orr.

504th Signal Battalion Change Of Command

11th Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office
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Photos by Spc. John Martinez



Photo Illustration by Spc. John Martinez

The time-honored custom of changing command dates back to the Roman Empire, when the scepter (a symbol of authority) was passed down from the old Caesar to the new. The United States Army has honored the tradition ever since General George Washington received colors from the British when he assumed command of the Continental Army.

On June 28, Lt. Col. Paul English, 504th Signal Battalion, relinquished his command as the 26th Battalion Commander of the unit to Lt. Col. Geoffrey Mangelsdorf by transferring over the battalion colors on Brown Parade Field. Almost 400 troops, two 504th Signal Battalion satellite dishes, a pole truck, and a few vehicles were on display as the 36th Army Band played. At the close of the ceremony, members of B Troop charged the field on horseback while fir-

ing their pistols at bugle sound.

"It's not easy being a Soldier in today's Army, and it's even harder at times to be a Commander with all of the competing challenges we have to face today...the global mission the [504th Signal Battalion] support makes it a daunting task, even on a good day. I want to thank Lt. Col. Paul English for his outstanding leadership during his command here...he's done a great job teaching, coaching, and mentoring our Soldiers during his command...it's a tough command and his leadership will be missed."

During his 24 months of command, English encouraged Soldiers from his unit to be active in community service projects such as: penpal programs between his deployed Soldiers and various elementary schools; school ground improvement projects with Kiwanis Club kids; and five city park static displays.

He encouraged his Soldiers to participate in Family Readiness Group events, holiday activities, Dining Ins and Signal Balls, making quality of life and Soldier morale an evident priority for him and his command. "Always in the back of Lt. Col. English's mind and his command team's mind," said Col. Michael Yarmie, 11th Signal brigade commander, "there has been the Soldier."

Under English's leadership, the 504th Signal Battalion executed 42 weapons and nuclear biological chemical (NBC) ranges, over 20 tactical communications equipment field exercises, four rotations of an Early Entry Command Post team in and out of Kuwait, one deployment of the 69th Signal Company to Iraq and their successful homecoming ceremony, four company changes of command, and numerous equipment upgrades. "It has been a busy 24 months," said English,

"there have been some late nights, early mornings, skipped meals, and I want to thank my wife for her unending love and support."

English will be going to Fort Hood, Texas to be the 3rd Signal Brigade deputy commander. This is his second assignment at Fort Hood requiring him to deploy within a month after arrival.

As the battalion colors transferred hands, so passed the history, traditions, and accomplishments of the 504th Signal Battalion into new hands.

"Lt. Col. Mangelsdorf comes to us highly qualified, ready to roll up his sleeves, and start in earnest," said Yarmie, 11th Signal Brigade commander. The 27th commander of the 504th Signal Battalion prepares to write his page in the unit's history.

40th Signal Battalion Change Of Command

11th Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office
Reports

Photos by Spc. John Martinez



Lt. Col. Andre Wiley, 40th Signal Battalion commander, hands the battalion colors over to Col. Michael Yarmie, 11th Signal Brigade commander during his change of command ceremony Friday. Lt. Col. Wiley will now serve as the 11th Signal Brigade deputy commander.

From Left to right: Lt. Col. Paul English outgoing commander, Col. Michael Yarmie 11th Signal Brigade commander, Lt. Col. Geoffrey Mangelsdorf, incoming 504th Signal Battalion commander, Command Sergeants Major Raymound Thompson 504th Signal Bn. Command Sergeants Major



From left to right: Command Sgt. Maj. Marylin Washington, 40th Signal Battalion Command Sergeant Major, holds a saber with Lt. Col. Linda Jantzen, new 40th Signal Battalion commander



To complete their first act together as 40th command team. "There's nothing more important," said Lt. Col. Jantzen "than the relationship between our officers and their non-commissioned officers."

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Service News



Ultimate sacrifice in support of the Global War On Terrorism

Cpl. Aaron Griner, 24, of Tampa, Fla., died in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on June 28, of injuries sustained when his vehicle struck a mine during combat operations. Griner was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Rex Page, 21, of Kirksville, Mo., died June 28 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Cpl. Jeremy Jones, 25, of Omaha, Neb., died on June 27 of injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device during dismounted combat operations in Baghdad,

Iraq. Jones was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Cpl. Jason W. Morrow, 27, of Riverside, Calif., died June 27 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq, on June 26. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. 1st Class Terry Wallace, 33, of Winnsboro, La., died on June 27, of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Taji, Iraq. Wallace was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood,

Texas.

Two Marines died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pfc. Michael Potocki, 21, of Baltimore, Md., died on June 26, of injuries sustained in Al Asad, Iraq, when his unit came in contact with enemy force's small arms fire during combat operations. Potocki was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Raymond Plouhar, 30, of Lake Orion, Mich. died June 26 from wounds received while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Sgt. Terry Lisk, 26, of Fox Lake, Ill., died on June 26 of injuries sustained in Ar Ramadi, Iraq when his unit received indirect fire from enemy forces during combat operations. Lisk was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Cpl. Paul King, 23, of Tyngsboro, Mass. died June 25 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Ayer, Mass.

Two Soldiers died on June 24 in the vicinity of Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries sustained when they encountered enemy forces small arms fire, and an improvised explosive device which detonated during a dismounted patrol. Both Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Killed were:

Sgt. Benjamin Laymon, 22, of Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Sgt. Justin Norton, 21, of Rainier, Wash.

Staff Sgt. Alberto Sanchez, 33, of Houston, Texas, died in Balad, Iraq on June 24 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Sanchez was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

Staff Sgt. Joseph Fuerst, III, 26 of Tampa Fla., died in Panjway District, Afghanistan, on June 24, when his HMMWV came in contact with enemy forces using rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire during combat operations. Fuerst was assigned to the Army National Guard's 53rd Infantry Brigade, Pinnellas Park Fla.

Master Sgt. Thomas Maholic, 38, of Bradford, Pa., died on June 24 in Ghecko, Afghanistan, when his patrol unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during a cordon and search mission. Maholic

was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Channing Singletary, 30, of Sylvester, Ga., died in Baghdad, Iraq on June 23, from a non-combat-related cause. Singletary was assigned to the Army National Guard's 122nd Support Center, Savannah, Ga.

Pfc. Devon Gibbons, 19, of Port Orchard, Wash., died on June 23, in the Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, of injuries sustained on April 11 when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle during combat operations in Taji, Iraq. Gibbons was assigned to the 10th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Cpl Ryan Buckley, 21, of Nokomis, Ill., died in Baghdad, Iraq on June 23 of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations. Buckley was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

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Auditions for 'The Jungle Book' Monday at Murr CC

Auditions for the internationally acclaimed touring company Missoula Children's Theater production of "The Jungle Book" are set for 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday at Murr Community Center. The production is an original musical adaptation of the Rudyard Kipling classic. Local students are invited and encouraged to attend.

Approximately 50 to 60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director. There will be roles for students entering 1st through 12th grades. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play.

Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week, and if selected,

be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role.

"The Jungle Book" will be presented at 7 p.m., July 15 at Murr Community Center. The performance will be open to the public.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This year, more than 60,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers!



Child and Youth Services is bringing the Missoula Children's Theatre to Fort Huachuca.

For more information, call Marty Johnston at 533-8437 or Carrie Bradke at 533-8347.

'Military Idol' contestants sought

Army MWR, with permission from the "American Idol" television series, is looking for contestants for the annual Military Idol Competition. Active duty amateur vocalists are invited to submit applications to their local MWR organization no later than July 28. Other talents, (musician, dancer, comedian, etc.) do not qualify for this competition.

Applications and contest rules are available now at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre or on line at www.militaryidol.com.

Active duty personnel stationed at Fort Huachuca, from all branches of the service, are eligible. The first local competition will be held in August. (Watch future issues of the Scout for details.)

For more information, call the Thunder Mountain Activity Centre at 533-3802 or 533-7322.

Youth Soccer Registration in progress

Registration and enrollment for the 2006/07 Child and Youth Sports and Fitness soccer season is now in progress at the CYS Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center.

Formation of the soccer teams will begin on Aug. 19, with practices starting the week of Aug. 28.

The program is available for children who are ages 4-15, as of July 31, 2006.

Cost for the season will be \$40. Families enrolling multiple children pay \$40 for the first child and \$32 for each additional child.

For registration or enrollment information, please contact the CER Office 533-0738.

Coaches are needed for all age groups. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Child and Youth Sports and Fitness at 533-0711 or 533-8385.

New arts, crafts classes

The MWR Arts Center will offer different arts and crafts classes for children ages 5 - 12, from 10 to 11:30

a.m., July 13, 19, 20, 27 and 28.

Cost is \$8.50 per class per child. Pre-registration is required in person.

New adult classes include: a lapidary class, to be held from 3 - 5 p.m., July 11, 13 and 14 - cost \$50; a ceramic orientation class (pouring of molds) to be held from 1 to 3 p.m., July 11, 18 and 25 - cost \$27; a silver jewelry class, to be held from 3 to 5 p.m., July 25, 26 and 27 - cost \$100; and a pine needle basket class, to be held from 1 to 3 p.m., July 28 and 29 - cost \$50.

For more information about these and other classes, visit the Arts Center at the corner of Hatfield and Arizona Streets, Building 52008, or call 533-2015.

Summer hours at the Arts Center are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

Moonlight Trail Ride set for Tuesday

Buffalo Corral Horseback Riding Stables will offer a Moonlight Trail Ride, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday. Cost is \$13.50 for authorized MWR patrons or \$19 for civilians.

Reservations and prepayment are required by close of business the day before the scheduled ride.

The Corral also offers sunset trail rides 6 - 8 p.m., every Thursday. These rides are open to the public, 7 and up. Reservations and pre-payment are required by close of business Sunday before the ride.

For more information or to register for trail rides, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

Pick up applications for Summer Sports Series at BFH

The MWR Sports and Fitness Branch will host the annual Multi-Sport Summer Series beginning with the Steelhead Triathlon. The Triathlon will start at 6 a.m., July 22 at Irwin Pool.

This endurance event consists of an 800-yard pool swim, followed by a 13-mile bike ride on a paved course, and a final 3.1 mile run on a paved road. Deadline to sign up for the Steelhead Triathlon is July 21.

The second event is the 2-10-2 Biathlon, to be held starting at 7 a.m., August 19. This event consists of a 2 mile run, a 10 mile bike ride and a 2 mile run. Deadline to sign up for the 2-10-2 Biathlon is August 18.

The final event in the series will be the Mystery 10K Run to be held on September 9, also beginning at 7 a.m. Deadline for the Mystery Run is Sept. 8.

Participants may compete in one, two or all three events. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in several different age groups.

Entry forms are available now at Barnes Field House, or participants can register online at www.active.com.

For registration or general information, call 533-3858 or 533-5031.

Coaches' meeting for CC Track and Field set for July 17

The coaches' meeting for the Commander's Cup Track and Field Program will be held at 10 a.m., July 17 at Barnes Field House.

Units wishing to participate in the program should submit a letter of intent, with coach's name, duty phone and e-mail address, by close of business that day. Rosters are due July 24.

The program will be conducted beginning at 8 a.m., July 29 and 30 at Bujalski Field, next to Barnes Field House.

For more information, call George Thompson at 533-0040 or e-mail george.thompson@hua.army.mil.

Beginners' golf clinic at MVGC

Mountain View Golf Course will offer a co-ed golf clinic for beginners from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, 18 and 20. Cost is \$60 per person and includes the use of clubs, range balls and five hours of instruction.

Space is limited to the first 16 paid entrants, so call 533-7088 to register.



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The Scout TimeOut

Mountain Biking in Sierra Vista

Choosing a line, digging deep and gutting it out – in full force!!



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Special to the Scout

Mountain biking in Sierra Vista and in the surrounding area can be an absolute blast! It's very addictive! Your reason for mountain biking may be personal, i.e., to improve overall physical fitness, seek the adventure of being outdoors, to gain solitude, to develop camaraderie with other riders, or for the sheer experience, challenge, and adrenaline

of mountain biking over the mountainous, technical and rocky terrain. Whatever the reason, the experience can be much more enjoyable with careful planning, proper training, and remembering to always ride within your skill level and never ride alone. The terrain can be unforgiving and the consequences for failing to respect it can be severe. Safety is paramount!

The most popular local trails are Brown/Ramsey Canyon, Carr Canyon – John Cooper Loop, Ken-

tucky Camp Trail, Sunny Side Trail, and the Arizona Trail leading to Parker Canyon Lake and the city of Patagonia, AZ. Each of these trails varies significantly in level of difficulty, technical terrain, and mileage. The best advice is to initially ride with a veteran rider of these trails. He or she can lead you safely through the trails without fear of getting lost or worse - injured. Be up front and honest about your skill and fitness levels. A lot of mountain bike riding is about gaining new friends, camaraderie and straightforward teamwork. Without it, riders never gain a true appreciation for mountain bike riding.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

Brown/Ramsey Canyon (Beginner)

This is a great trail for all beginners. It's an approximate six-mile loop with single-track and jeep road. There are climbs and the trail gets steep in some sections. Even though this is one of the favorite local trails for beginner riders, it does have a few technical rocky sections. Don't hesitate to walk/push through it if you're not ready to ride over it. The single-track is absolutely smooth and fast with a few rollers.

Ride up Ramsey Canyon Road (the pavement) until you get to the Brown Canyon sign on the right and a cattle guard. Stay to the left up the dirt roads. After you're on the single track, stay to the right. Once in the Canyon, at approximately 2.5 miles, you'll come upon a cement water trough. At this point, do not go into the Coronado National Forest Wilderness area as motorized and mechanized equipment is not

Five rules of mountain biking:

- 1) Never ride alone – ride with an experienced rider who knows the trails.
- 2) Bring water and extra water.
- 3) Ride within your skill level. This includes riding ability and fitness level.
- 4) Bring additional tubes, tools, etc.
- 5) Never assume you'll not need it – be prepared.

permitted therein. Follow the trail to the right. You'll come upon a fork in the trail. Follow it to the right up the mountain for a full loop and back to the parking area. This climb is a

push; only strong ex-

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Bird die-offs common in Arizona this time of year, not related to bird flu

Arizona Game and Fish Department news release

Every year at about this time in Arizona, the Arizona Game and Fish Department receives calls about bird die-offs in various areas of the state, mostly at urban ponds and lakes. This is a common occurrence and traditionally has absolutely nothing to do with bird flu.

"The strain of bird flu that's being highlighted in the media, which is called the Asian strain of highly pathogenic H5N1 Avian Influenza, has not been found anywhere in the entire Western Hemisphere at this point," says Mike Rabe, a migratory bird expert with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "Die-offs at this time of year are relatively common in Arizona and are usually because of trichomoniasis or avian botulism."

Trichomoniasis is caused by a tiny parasite that gets passed between birds. Doves and pigeons are especially susceptible. Trichomoniasis can cause swelling and mucous in birds' throats. It also makes birds lethargic and unusually tame. Outbreaks of this disease occur almost every year, and the parasite can be spread easily when birds congregate at bird feeders and birdbaths.

To help prevent the spread of trichomoniasis:

1. Don't put out more seed than birds can consume in a relatively short amount of time. If seed is left over, hygienic conditions can deteriorate,

and healthy birds can wind up consuming seeds that have been coughed up by sick birds.

2. If you notice sick birds around your feeder, bring the feeder inside and clean it with a 10% bleach solution. You can clean a birdbath with the same type of solution.

3. If you have a trichomoniasis outbreak in your area, don't feed the birds at all and empty any birdbaths around your home.

Avian botulism is another cause of bird die-offs in the summertime. Botulism is caused by a bacteria normally found in tiny invertebrate creatures in water and mud. When the weather gets warmer and water levels drop, many of these invertebrates die. As they decay, the bacteria inside multiply and produce a toxin. Then birds eat these invertebrates and can die from the toxin. Birds with avian botulism have symptoms like muscle paralysis, lethargy and even difficulty in holding up their necks. It is especially common to find ducks and waterfowl that have died from avian botulism at urban ponds.

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services will be testing dead birds in urban areas for avian influenza this year. If you find a large number of dead birds, you can call APHIS at (602) 870-2081. Also, Maricopa County will be sampling dead birds for West Nile Virus. The county's West Nile Virus hotline is (602) 506-0700, and its Web site is Maricopa.gov/wnv.

"Mountain Lion Awareness Day" Saturday at Kartchner Caverns

Arizona State Parks news release

Kartchner Caverns State Park will host a special day dedicated to learning about mountain lions on Saturday.

"We wanted to provide an educational day for the public to learn about these beautiful creatures, but also our goal is to be sure the public and visitors that come to Arizona understand the more serious issues about mountain lion behavior during a drought. We would like to have children in summer camps, parks and recreation departments or other summer programs come on this day and bring a lunch so they can enjoy the day in the park," said Kelly Jackson, assistant manager at Kartchner Caverns.

According to Jackson, "The lion programs will start about 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. Visitors can view presentations and displays in the Discovery Center. There will be two formal presentations about mountain lions, one at 11 a.m. and the other at 2 p.m." Tom Whetten, from the Arizona Game and Fish Department Information and Education section will give the presentations about cougars. Special handouts about lions and their behavior will also be available from the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"Visitors for this program will be allowed into the park for free and can visit the Discovery Center and participate in the presentations about cougars," says resource ecologist, Joanne Roberts. "We have had two lions sighted at this park and think the public would appreciate learning more about why cougars are coming lower out of the sky islands into more inhabited areas. We feel hikers and bikers should be made more aware of lion sightings and learn the precautions they should take while recreating near lion habitat as well."

The public will learn how to identify mountain lions living in the wild, the issues about cougars interfacing with people, and learn how to recognize the natural lion behavior versus more aggressive behavior toward humans. Cougars can show more aggressive behavior toward pets and other small animals when they are hungry and can't find natural wild animals such as deer and small mammals in the more remote areas.

For more information on this program, call Kartchner Caverns State Park at (520) 586-4100 or the Phoenix headquarters at (800) 285-3703.

See the State Parks department Web site at www.azstateparks.gov.

Public input sought on management of Arizona's roadless areas

Arizona Game and Fish Department news release

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is seeking input from the public on how it would like to see the state's roadless areas managed.

At the informational open house today in Tucson, the public is invited to comment on roadless areas managed by the Coronado National Forest. The open house will take place from 6-9 p.m. at the Arizona Game and Fish Department Tucson regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson.

The input will assist Gov. Janet Napolitano and the department in developing Arizona's petition to the USDA Forest Service requesting specific management requirements for some or all of 1.2 million acres of inventoried roadless areas in six national forests in Arizona.

"Arizona is fortunate that Governor Napolitano is committed to developing recommendations that conserve the integrity of our roadless areas, establish provisions for current public and administrative uses, and allow management actions that ensure the long-term health of the public land and resources," says Director Duane Shroufe of the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The public input phase is an important part of developing these recommendations."

The Forest Service originally issued the Roadless Area Conservation Rule in January 2001. The rule essentially

prohibited new road construction and development on 58.5 million acres of inventoried roadless areas on Forest Service lands across the country. Several states filed lawsuits over the rule, and a federal court struck it down in 2003.

The Forest Service issued a revised rule in 2005 that allows state governors to petition the Secretary of Agriculture with specific management recommendations for inventoried roadless areas in their states. The states have until November 2006 to complete the petition and submit it for review and approval.

The original Roadless Rule (and the interim directive in place until states complete their petition processes) conserves roadless values while allowing for current public access and recreational opportunities, including hiking, camping, hunting and fishing; management of habitat for more than 1,500 species of fish and wildlife, including threatened, endangered or sensitive plant and animal species; and protection of clean water from forest headwaters and streams.

The rule also allows construction of temporary roads under specified circumstances, such as to fight forest fires or to implement actions that reduce the risk of wildfire, for public safety and resource purposes. The rule doesn't change states' or private landowners' rights to access their land. The management of any existing roads within the inventoried roadless areas will be evaluated during the

transportation planning process associated with the future revision of individual forest land management plans.

At the request of Gov. Napolitano, the Arizona Game and Fish Department is conducting the public input phase of Arizona's petition process. A series of informational open houses has been scheduled to help the public better understand roadless management issues and the state's petition process.

"The meetings will include a presentation about roadless areas, the state petition process, and potential management options for inventoried roadless areas in the national forest closest to the local community," says Bob Broscheid, habitat branch chief for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "The public will have an opportunity to view maps, ask questions and provide written comment, but no oral comment will be taken at the meetings."

Written comment can be submitted by e-mail to roadless@azgfd.gov, or by U.S. mail to Arizona Game and Fish Department, Attn: Roadless Petition Comment, 2221 W. Greenway Road, Phoenix, AZ 85023. All comments must be received by Aug. 31 to ensure adequate consideration prior to developing Arizona's petition.

Additional information on roadless areas is located on the Arizona Game and Fish Department Web site at www.azgfd.gov/roadless or the USDA Forest Service's Web site at www.roadless.fs.fed.us.

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perienced riders can successfully ride this section due to it being so steep.

If you choose to continue straight, you'll ride through Ramsey Canyon and lengthen your ride another five-plus miles through single-track, and you'll end near St. Andrew's Road and Buffalo Soldier's Trail. It's a great ride — fast!!

How to get there:

Take Highway 92 south until you approach the Huachuca Mountains. Then take Ramsey Canyon Road heading west. Take the first dirt road on the right. It'll be a dirt parking lot.

Carr Canyon Trail - John Cooper Loop (Intermediate-Advanced)

This is an awesome 11-12 mile trail that offers a little of everything. It does require a high fitness level due to the amount of climbing and higher elevation. It has single-track, dirt road, switch-backs, fast rolling hills, and technical downhill. Be sure to ride with someone who knows the trail. It's easy to get turned around due to intersecting hiking trails. Look for a sign that'll read "John Cooper Trail/Perimeter Trail." That's the trailhead. Follow the trail all the way around. Come to and cross over Miller Canyon Road into the wood-line. The trail goes down a small river bed, across Perimeter Trail and will return down the canyon to the parking lot.

How to get there:

Take Highway-92, heading south. Take a right on Carr Canyon Road, at the Mesquite Tree Restaurant. The paved road ends at the Coronado National Forest boundary. Park your vehicle at the first dirt parking lot on the left side of the road. Unload your bike and ride up the steep road for two miles. Look for a sign that'll read "John Cooper Trail/Perimeter Trail." That's the trailhead.

Kentucky Camp Trail: (Intermediate-Advanced)

This is a very challenging 38-plus mile, figure-eight

loop. It's a great ride for the more experienced rider. It has jeep trails, fire roads, single-track, technical switch-backs, rollers, and downhill sections. Do not ride this trail alone — it's easy to get lost. In addition, there's not a lot of overhead cover so it's hot. Bring lots of water!!

How to get there:

From the intersection at the West end of Fry Boulevard /Fort Huachuca Main Gate, head north on Highway 90 for 10 miles to Highway 82. Turn left (West) on Highway 82 for about 15 miles. At the intersection of Highways 82 and 83, turn right (north). At mile marker #43, take a left on a dirt road heading west. You can park on the right or left side. The trail starts on the jeep road heading west.

You can also park at the Kentucky Camp area. This is the approximately the mid-point of the ride. Take Interstate-10 east to exit #281. Turn south on Highway 83 and travel about 15 miles. Near mile marker 39, take a right heading west on Forest Service road 92. After one mile, take the right fork to Kentucky Camp. You'll see the sign. Follow the road for six miles to the parking area above the camp.

Sunny Side Trail: (Intermediate-Advanced):

This is a very technical 32-plus mile round trip ride with a lot of climbing. This ride is not for the weak. It requires a much higher level of overall fitness and experience than the other trails described above. Bring water!!

Once on Fort Huachuca, park at Garden Canyon and ride up to and past the Boy Scout cabin to Gate #7. It's a challenging uphill climb to the gate — but definitely worth it!! After you go through the gate, there's a fast, technical, four-plus mile downhill section. It's awesome!! Take it easy on your first ride here. It can be misleading and you'll tend to underestimate the loose, technical terrain. You'll take the trail all the way to Highway #83 and to Parker Canyon Lake. You're riding

on the Arizona Trail. Remember, the climb back — you'll be challenged, to say the very least! An additional note - this trail is not well marked.

The Arizona Trail continues all the way to the town of Patagonia via Canelo Pass. A one-way ride is approximately 65-plus miles. This is for advanced, epic riders only and you'll definitely want a trail lead rider. You're in the middle of nowhere and will want to ride this trail in the early spring or late autumn. Bring a water purification pump to cipher water from the stream beds. Warning — There's no water during the summer months. It's very dangerous. It's an epic ride; you just have to be prepared!

How to get there:

You must access Fort Huachuca, drive into upper Garden Canyon and park at the first picnic area on the left side. Ride up the paved road and it'll become dirt road to the Boy Scout Cabin. It's about 2 miles to Gate #7. Starting at the gate, the ride has a lot of downhill for about 15 miles to Parker Canyon Lake. For a shorter ride, continue to the third picnic area up Garden Canyon and park there instead.

Pre-ride Checklist

Having a pre-ride checklist is "essential" for beginners and experienced riders. The checklist must be tailored to fit the needs of each individual rider. This checklist is not all encompassing but provides a base of necessary items. Use it when planning your mountain bike rides — especially for the epic rides. Not all of these items will be needed for every ride. Carry only what you need; you don't want to carry unnecessary weight.

Learn as you ride. Learn from experienced riders. Learn to tailor your checklist for each separate trail.

Mountain Bike Websites

Mountain Bike Association of Arizona (MBAA): <http://www.mbaa.net>

International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA): <http://www.imba.com>

Mountain Bike Arizona:

<http://www.mountainbikeaz.com>

Mountain Bike Review (MTBR): <http://www.mtbr.com>

Epic Rides: <http://www.epicrides.com>

Extreme Mountain Biking: <http://extreme.nas.net>

Local Bike Riding Clubs
Thunder Mountain Cycling Club:

<http://www.thundermountaincycling.com/>

Dawn to Dust Mountain Bike Club of Arizona:
<http://www.dawntodust->

mountainbikeclub.org/

Local Bike Shops
M&M Cycling
1301 E Fry Boulevard
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-2603
458-1316

Sun'n Spokes Mountain & Road Bikes
164 E Fry Blvd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635
458-0685

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Pre-ride Checklist

Bike Items:	
Identification bracelet or card (with blood type and emergency contact phone #)	
Jersey or Vest	
Riding Shorts	
Socks	
Helmet (buy a certified helmet that features CSA, CPSC, ASTM or Snell approval stickers)	
Sunglasses	
Shoes	
Gloves (full-fingered)	
Do-Wrap (prevents sweat from getting into the eyes)	
Spare Tubes (at least 2)	
Water Bottles (at least 2)	
Tire Tool	
Air Pump or CO2 Cartridges	
Tool Kit or Alien Tool (with 3, 4, 5, & 6 mm Allen wrenches & chain tool)	
Spare Chain Links	
Chain Lube	
Shock Pump	
First Aid Kit (a few band aids, Tylenol, & antiseptic)	
Cell Phone (fully charged with emergency contact numbers)	
Camelback (100 oz)	

Energy Food Items:

Water!!!!	
Protein Bars or Balance Bars	
Power Gels, Gu Packets, or "Hammer Gel"	
"Clif Bars"	
"Hammer Gel" Endurolytes (Electrolyte Replenishment)	
"Cytomax" Recovery/Energy Drink Mix	
Bananas	
Licorice Pieces	
Chewing Gum	
Beef Jerky Pieces	